

Lent and Easter, 2018

The Network



St. James' Episcopal Church

2584 Main Street, P.O. Box 206, Glastonbury, CT

Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays		10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Ash Wednesday		February 14, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
Daily Morning Prayer in Lent		8:00 am <i>Mondays through Saturdays</i> (begins Feb. 15)
Sung Compline, Thursdays		March 1 and March 15 @ 7:15 pm
Palm Sunday		March 25, 10:00 am ONLY (Breakfast @ 9:00 am)

Holy Week

Monday, March 26	Evening Prayer , 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 27	Holy Eucharist , 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 28	Tenebrae , 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 29	Agape Meal, Foot Washing, and Eucharist 6:00 pm
Friday, March 30	Stations of the Cross , Noon Service 7:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 1	Holy Eucharist Services at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

No announcements will be made during Lent. Please check the Sunday leaflet and Wednesday emails. February and March Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated on February 11.

Safe Church Policy requires that minor children should not leave the sanctuary during worship unaccompanied by a parent. Ushers will ask unaccompanied children to go back into the church and get a parent. We appreciate your compliance with this policy.



type serving his creations
at the Christmas High Tea

*Christmas Pageant
with St. Luke's*



Dapper Servers at
the Tea

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

As strange as it might seem, Lent is my favorite time of year in the Church calendar. Maybe because unlike Advent, there is no outside secular stuff going on like Christmas that gets in the way of my living more fully into this season. It is a purely liturgical, spiritual, holy season.

For some people, Lent feels a little heavy, a little “old-fashioned”. We don’t like to talk a lot about sin, or about being sinners or unworthy creatures. The opening Collect for Ash Wednesday reads, “Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness...” That is a pretty serious prayer. “Lamenting of our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness” are not words we use very often if at all except in church occasionally. In a world of “I’m ok, you’re ok”, where everyone gets a trophy and anything goes, being wretched is not the way most of us would describe ourselves.

I certainly believe that God created us all and that within each of us, without exception, there is a spark of the Divine. I believe that human beings are created in God’s image and that means we are good at the very core of our being. And, I believe that I certainly fall short each and every day of living into that goodness. I can be selfish, lazy, blind to the pain and suffering around me, impatient, and rude. I can put myself first, even when I know I am doing it because it is easier than putting God first and doing the hard work of being a disciple of Jesus. Yes, sometimes I am a wretched person. AND, Lent is that time for me to seek the forgiveness that is always available to me, to repent (which means to turn back to God), and to be more aware of the way I live my life as a Christian who strives to be a disciple of Christ. Lent is forty days in the wilderness, that place of searching and learning and striving to be the person God created me to be.

The Church encourages us to pray, fast, deny ourselves (which is why people give something up for Lent), read the Bible and find time for quiet reflection. This can seem a bit overwhelming. ***I invite you to find something you can do, perhaps one of these - -one you haven’t tried before.***

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

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If you have never fasted, pick a day during the week and fast from sun up to sundown. If you are not good at making time for prayer each day, come to the daily Morning Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. or find even a half hour in your day for prayer. "Devotions for Individuals and Families" starts on page 136 in the Book of Common Prayer. It is easy to follow and there are websites that have the Daily Office such as prayer.forwardmovement.org/ and Dailyoffice.wordpress.com/.

If you have never given any thing up for Lent, think of something that would be really difficult to do, something you would have to think about often and why you are doing it. Or if you have given something up in the past, try to take on something new – perform an act of kindness each day, give something away each day (also a nice way to simplify your life), volunteer at a non-profit, or donate to one. If you haven't attended any of the adult education experiences on Wednesday evenings at St. James, pick one or attend regularly. Or, participate in the Episcopal Church's "The Good Book Club" (more information is found in the Network).

Find a way to make this Lent a holy and spiritual experience that brings you closer to becoming the person God created you to be.

Peace,

Denise+

St. James' Vision (2016)

We are a Christian community committed to our individual faith journeys through learning, sharing and listening to God and one another. We live this faith through hospitality and acceptance, challenging ourselves and one another to join God in God's mission in our neighborhoods and the world.



3 Kings at
the
Pageant

*Guimond Pierre-Louis speaking
at the High Tea fundraiser for his
winter-spring semester tuition at
the Hartford Seminary*



Dan Aramini and
Jill Monserrat
enjoying the
Christmas High Tea

FAITH IN ACTION Committee Financial Report for Calendar 2017

Faith in Action raised \$9,301 in calendar 2017, and made donations of \$9,802. The breakdown below of the sources and uses of those funds does NOT include the following: the Christmas Tea, which supported Guimond Louis's studies at Hartford Seminary, Carol's Closet, and the Shawl Ministry. We, and those who benefit directly from your support, thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

FAITH IN ACTION USES of funds for 2017

ABC House	\$300.00
Glastonbury Fuel Bank	\$800.00
Glastonbury Food Pantry	\$800.00
Naubuc School Backpack Food program	\$400.00
Naubuc Green party supplies and entertainment	\$221.17
Paper Pantry ("Carol's Closet")	\$500.00
Shawl Ministry	\$500.00
Pet Adoption events	\$321.30
Rector's Discretionary Fund to assist those in need, locally	\$400.00
Environmental Stewardship (speaker fee)	\$100.00
Community Garden (volunteers donated supplies and time)	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL for GLASTONBURY	\$4,342.47
"A Place of Grace" Food Pantry, Hartford	\$800.00
Camp Washington	\$500.00
Heads Up! Hartford	\$295.00
Lunch in the Park, Hartford	\$934.54
Bishop Ahren's Discretionary Fund to supplement loose offering	\$65.00
(Regional)	\$500.00
SUBTOTAL for REGIONAL	\$3,094.54
Episcopal Relief and Development (hurricane relief)	\$500.00
Support for Haiti	
<i>Financial support for Guimond Louis at Hartford Seminary</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Christmas Tea - Guimond's tuition</i>	\$250.00
<i>St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children (chili cook-off expenses)</i>	\$15.68
<i>St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children – donation (proceeds of Chili cook-off)</i>	\$600.00
SUBTOTAL for WORLDWIDE	\$2,365.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,802.69

FAITH IN ACTION SOURCES of funds (net of project costs)

Soup Sundays (to support Lunch in the Park)	\$349.00
Pancake Supper (Heads Up! Hartford)	\$295.00
Mother's Day Plant Sale	\$159.00
Fall Mum sale	\$143.00
Rice & Beans/ Chili Cook-off – benefits St. Vincent's, Port-au-Prince, Haiti	\$600.00
Art in the Abbey net income	\$8,104.01
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED	\$9,301.01

Faith in Action

LOOK FOR these upcoming events:

- ✓ February 25 Soup Sunday *Proceeds support Heads Up! Hartford.*
- ✓ March 9 Art in the Abbey *Contact Sandy Oullette if you would like to help.*
- ✓ March 31 Lunch in the Park *Please consider helping by donating food and/or helping to make bag lunches for those in need. Distribution is at Bushnell Park in Hartford. Contact Marie Dixon for details.*

*Silence ... Peace ... Candles...Darkness
...Contemplation...Reflection...Prayers...Bible reading*

*An officiant and the **St. James' Choir** will lead Compline.
Your active participation includes listening, joining in a hymn and The Lord's
Prayer. After a busy day,
Compline is a time to offer praise to God in a quiet and restful setting in a
service lasting 15 minutes.*

We invite you to join us for

Sung Compline

during the season of Lent.

7:15 pm on March 1 and March 15



Adult Education Opportunities

- ***Bible Study*** meets each Sunday after the 8:00 Service in the Meeting Room.
- ***Wednesday Nights*** Every Wednesday (except the 4th Wednesday of the month) at 7:00 pm in the downstairs Meeting Room. Each week is a stand-alone topic. So, join us when you can!
- ***Last Sunday Breakfast*** Breakfast and conversation on topics pertaining to our faith journeys at 9:00 am on the *last* Sunday of every month.
- ***Coffee and Conversation*** Meets every other Thursday at 10:00 am in the downstairs Meeting Room. We are taking a break from *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg (Ch. 7 & 8 on February 15) and reading *Forgiving Ararat*, by Gita Nazareth during Lent beginning March 1. All are welcome. Check the Church calendar for the dates.

More Adult Education Opportunities

- ***Lenten Day of Spiritual Engagement*** The Northeast Region is sponsoring a day of spiritual engagement, entitled “*I have called you by Name*” on March 17th from 9:00 – 2:00 at St. Peter's, South Windsor. From the time of Augustine to the contemporary Anne Lamott, reflecting on one's own life has been a threshold into both self-understanding and engagement in justice and compassion. This reflective morning, led by The Rev. Maren Tirabassi, will offer a variety of practices to gather personal insights related to our spiritual autobiographies and then share these with others.
 - Registration begins at 8:30 am with coffee and refreshments, with our program beginning at 9:00 am. Eucharist and lunch will conclude the core of the program, with the opportunity to extend time until 2:00 pm for additional facilitated conversation related to continuing the work we begin. The extended portion may be helpful to those interested in their own writing or to encourage this type of spiritual engagement in parishes.
 - You can register using the Link below or let Denise know if you plan on attending.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-lenten-day-of-spiritual-engagement-i-have-called-you-by-name-a-morning-for-spiritual-tickets-42272225364>

- ***Good Book Club: Reading the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles throughout Lent and Easter***
 - This Lent, ECCT will be participating with The Episcopal Church in the **Lenten Good Book Club**, a church-wide program led by **Forward Movement** to read the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles during the liturgical season of Lent and Easter. This program will begin the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, (February 11, 2018) and it will finish on Pentecost Sunday (May 20, 2018).

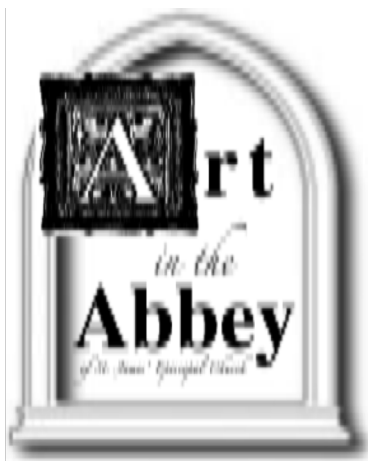


Joyful Noise! Choir will lead singing on the following Sundays: March 11, April 22, and May 6. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to play an instrument, contact Jim Barry in advance so he can provide music. Singers are welcome to join us – just come to the chancel by 9:45 to learn the music for the day. Those interested in supporting more contemporary music in our worship are especially encouraged to participate.

Ordination of Deacons
at the Cathedral: our Jessie Karpf



Good-bye
and our
best wishes
to Matt!



St. James' is hosting its 6th annual Art in the Abbey gala. The event will feature its annual art show and sale with wine and cheese tastings from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 9 and a continuation of the art show and sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 10. Gift baskets and gift cards also will be available for sale. Many of the artists will be available to chat, and live music will be in the air.

Here are some easy ways you can help make Art in the Abbey a Success!

Contribute a gift card.

You can help by choosing the name of a suggested business from the display in the foyer, and at your convenience pick up a card for that business in the denomination of your choice. Or ... just ask one person you often do business with to donate a gift card or certificate. You might be surprised to learn that your hairdresser or dog groomer or gym owner or neighborhood coffee shop would like to give new people encouragement to walk in their door. You can leave the card with Sandy Ouellette, Jeannette Brown, Geri Ross, Janice Davis, or anyone who is selling tickets in the foyer on any Sunday.

Help Yourself While Helping Others.

Do you have art in your home that you really don't love any more, but it's too nice to just give away? Well, this year, Art in the Abbey is the answer! We are offering a consignment option at a 50%-50% split for any art commensurate with the Art in the Abbey's established quality. It can be anything that can be described as art: paintings, quality prints, sculpture, photographs, fine needlework, etc. Please see Sandy Ouellette, Sarah Shannon, or Janice Davis for details.

Tell Your Friends and Neighbors!

Please sell tickets! Be sure to let people outside of St. James' know about this really special event! Invite your friends, your kids' art teachers, members of your book club, boat club, or PTO. Or people in your office. Add an invitation to your Facebook page. So many people who would love to enjoy this event have never heard of it, or if they have heard of it, wished they had gone in past years. Early invitations are critical, so that people don't fill up their calendars before being asked.

Art in the Abbey's theme is "Help us help others." 100% of ticket sales will support the following Faith in Action ministries, among others: Carols' Closet, The Pet Adoption Project, Glastonbury Fuel Bank and the Knitting Ministry. In the last five years, Art in the Abbey has raised more than \$45,000 for Faith in Action ministries.

This is an important fundraiser for St. James'. Tickets for the Friday evening gala are \$30 and are available in advance before and after services at St. James' and through www.eventbrite.com. Search for "art in the abbey 2018." Tickets are also available at the door.

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